

Emden Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Zigterman
Sunday, August 19, 2018

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude a time to prepare our hearts for worship
 Welcome and announcements
 Opening prayer
 *Call to worship from Psalm 51
 *God's Greeting of His People
 *We Greet One Another
 *Songs of Praise *Come, All Who Fear the Lord God* PH 240 vs. 1-3
 Father, Long before Creation PH 464 vs. 1-4

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Confession of sin
 Assurance of pardon Ephesians 2:4-10 (NLT)
 Song of gratitude *Not What My Hands Have Done* PH 260 vs. 1-3
 Prayer of God's people conclude with the Lord's Prayer
 Offering Building Fund/Benevolent Fund
 Song of preparation *Take My Life and Let It Be* PH 288 vs. 1,4-6

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination
 *Scripture Mark 10:17-31 *pg. 1570*
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
 Congregation: Thanks be to God

Message **Seeking the Kingdom of God**

Prayer of Application
 *Song of response *Living for Jesus* PH 292 vs. 1-3
 *Profession of our faith *Boundless Grace*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Parting Blessing
 *Closing Song *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* LUYH 946 vs. 1-3

We sincerely welcome each worshiper today.
We hope that this time together will bring you encouragement
as you live each day.

Sunday Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm

We will not be having an evening worship service at Emden.
 You are encouraged to attend a service at one
 of the neighboring churches.

Raymond CRC 7:00 pm
 Prinsburg First CRC 6:00 pm
 Bunde CRC 5:30 pm

Next Sunday, August 26, 2018		<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>
Greeters:	Todd & Jane Groen	9:00am Sunday School
Library:	Julie Link	1st & 3rd Sunday
Coffee Hour:	Anna & Lindsey Knapper	(Sept.—May)
Sound System:	Paul Knapper	10:00am Morning Worship
Ushers:	Dalen Fuls & Butch Mayer	
Nursery:	Rachael Zigterman	
Letter to Michelsons:	Gerald & Connie Mulder	Gene & Dawn Michelson
Congregational Visitor:	Janel Watson	B.P. 2210, Bamako
Offering: am	CMCS Tuition Support	Mali, West Africa
		E-mail address
		Usmaan@hotmail.com
Elders:		Deacons:
Kim Mulder - President	Gerald Mulder - Chairman	
Tim Link - Vice President	Curt Groen - Benevolent / Building Fund	
Doug Groen - Clerk	Bob Swyter - Treasurer	

From Back to God Ministries International

GOD ANSWERS JOB - Job gets the opportunity many of us wish for: God himself enters the conversation and answers him. The experience is a humbling one for Job. Join Groundwork as we study Job 38-42 to see how God answers Job then unpack what God's response teaches us about why bad things happen to good people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Other

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For information go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or peter.tuininga@gmail.com. Register by December 15, 2018.

From Resonate Global Mission

Journey Through Egypt - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.

From World Renew

Short-Term Volunteer - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

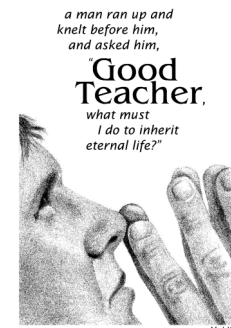
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**You are welcome to stop in and visit
without an appointment.**

TODAY

Greeters: Doug & Anne Groen
Library: Julie Link
Coffee Hour: Zach & Teri Johnson
Sound System: Curt Groen
Nursery: Nancy Mulder
Ushers: Todd & Jacob Groen
Letter to Michelsons: Duane & Verla Mulder
Congregational Visitor: Janel Watson
Visiting Elder:



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Each Sunday morning, we will be having a time of prayer before the service beginning at 9:15.

Nursery Sign-up - We are in need of some members to help in the nursery. There are several spots open in the next couple of months. Please sign up by the mailbox counter.



Next Sunday, August 26 we will be hearing God's word from Luke 12:13-34 in the morning and continue our study of the book of Romans in the evening..

Emden Christian Reformed Church in Renville will host a Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 9 at 4:00. Featured musicians will include Pastor Dan Bowman on the saw, Violinist Dan Knapper, Pam Knapper and Janel Watson on the keyboards, along with vocalists Maureen Weideman, Ned Wohlman, and Paul Knapper. An hour of hymn singing will conclude with ice cream treats. Bring a friend or two along, and enjoy an afternoon of music and fellowship



Safe Church retreat (Sept. 17-18) in Alexandria at Classis Lake Superior: The retreat will begin Monday morning at 10:30 and will go until the evening. Bonnie Nicholas, denominational director of Safe Church will lead the retreat portions for Monday. Jeff Vanderhooft - Classis Lake Superior SCT chair, will lead the retreat on Tuesday morning. The retreat will conclude at noon(ish) on Tuesday. Any and all safe church reps who come to the pre-classis seminar and accompanying training session will have all their expenses covered (i.e. travel as well as room and board.). Please let Pastor David know if you have an interest in attending the Safe Church retreat or if you would like to be part of a Safe Church team.



**Church
Retreat**

Council notes

Treasurer's Report	Beginning Balance	\$8,608.24
	Total Deposits	\$5,716.90
	Total Expense	\$6,916.66
	Ending Balance	\$7,408.48
	Building Fund:	\$11,404.76
	Benevolent Fund:	\$4,977.02

Decisions made:

We have decided to make a one time donation of \$500 to support the leadership training initiative Anthony Systema is overseeing as part of the Timothy Leadership Training of World Renew. More information about this initiative can be found here: <https://www.myworldrenew.net/timothyleadershiptraining>. The money will be raised through the Sunday School Noisy offering which will begin in September.

Thank you for partnering with New 2 You Thrift Store and our Corners of Your Field Program. Over the past 27 months, we have been able to provide over \$27,000 in gift cards to more than 60 local churches and community organizations for use in their benevolence ministry. From providing relief to those affected by homelessness, domestic violence, floor/fire, school clothes for children in need, or winter coats for those who could not afford one, your partnership with New 2 You is making a difference in our community. Every time you donate your extra clothing, housewares, furniture or more with New 2 You credit is earned for your organization. Remember, where you give your excess matters. Because of donation made by members of our church to New 2 You, Emden had been given two \$20 gift cards for New 2 You. If you know of anyone who could use one of these, please contact a deacon.

Upcoming dates:

Sept. 9: Communion, potluck, and hymn sing
Sept. 17 and 18: Classis in Alexandria
October 7: Disability Awareness service
October 21: Mission Emphasis Sunday and potluck
Nov. 11: Communion and potluck



REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to join us at Central MN Christian School for convocation at 9:00am on Monday, August 27 in the High School Gym to open the new school year. We will have a time of praise and worship followed by a short message focused around our school theme: ***Submerged in Him.***



Renville County Hospice invites you to attend the annual butterfly release on Wed., August 22, 2018 at 7pm Refreshments to follow. Please extend this offer to your family and friends. Hundreds of monarch butterflies are released every year in memory of loved ones, providing a beautifully touching remembrance.



Soles4Souls: Wearing out Poverty - If you have any shoes you are no longer using, please consider giving your shoes to this organization by placing them in the blue container near the entrance of the church.

CIRCLE is once again conducting ***Back to School Supply Drive*** for low income students in Renville County. Please place your donations in the box located in the entryway by Aug. 20th. All items collected will be distributed to low income students in Renville County, before school begins so they start school excited and ready to learn. We are especially in need of 3 ring binders (new or used), wide ruled notebooks, pocket folders, loose leaf paper and as always colored pencils and markers. If you would like to support the project with a financial donation please mail it to: CIRCLE, P.O. Box 225, Renville, MN 56284
Memo : Back to School Supplies



Space is limited at the September 11 Bible League Volunteer retreat. (Late fees are charged for registrations after August 24.) Sign up today to enjoy the day of fellowship with special guests, including key note speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs. Her messages are Biblical, encouraging, down-to-earth, and profoundly funny, helping sisters and seekers experience the depth of God's love.



**Bible League
Retreat**

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 pm at the Evangelical Free Church of Redwood Falls (1370 E. Bridge St., Redwood Falls). You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship at this free one-hour gathering! For more information, visit the Events-Fall Tour section at www.mccl.org.



Renville County Human Services is looking for people willing to volunteer to serve as guardians for adults who need assistance in making decisions due to developmental delays, mental illness or other conditions, such as dementia. Guardians are people who are Court appointed to make decisions on behalf of people who, due to their mental status, are not able to make those decisions on their own behalf. For example, a guardian, in conjunction with their treatment team, will determine the appropriate resident (such as a group home or nursing home) for the individual who is no longer able to live independently. The guardian's major responsibilities include authorizing placement and services, attending annual meetings or care conferences, completing annual well-being reports to the court, and authorizing medical care if needed. The amount of time is determined on a case-by-case basis. Family members, relatives or sometimes family friends typically serve as guardians for people. However, the reality is that not everyone has someone willing to be responsible for his or her decision-making and urgently needs a guardian. Compensation may be available for performing the service. Please contact Rita Berg at 320-523-3524 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

Sunday, August 19, 2018
Mark 10:17-31

Seeking the Kingdom of God

- Proverbs on wealth
- A rich young man
- The hardness of the way
- Rewards on the way



PRAYER CORNER

REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

~ Please remember those in our congregation who have
continuous health concerns: Melvin Link, Marge Link,
Linda Mayer, Gerald Mulder, Darla Ruschen

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: “Everything Costs a Price”

Voice of the Martyrs

Helen Berhane was a singer and worship leader in an outlawed church in Eritrea. She sang worship to her Savior before she was arrested by Eritrean officials. And in prison, she kept on singing. Her captors were determined that they would silence her voice of praise. To punish her, they locked Helen in a shipping container for 10 months with a woman who suffered from severe mental illness. We asked Helen on VOM Radio how she survived those months.

First, when she tortured me, pulled my hair, many things, I say, “God, what can I learn from this?” Because you can’t ask God, “Why you did this for me?” He is such a loving God, that is why He died on the cross, so it is very silly to ask that kind of question. I am saying, “What can I learn from this?” Abraham traveled to Mount Moriah to sacrifice Isaac. He decide to sacrifice his own son, so why not sacrifice my comfort zone?

I decide to stand by faith, it doesn’t matter what the cost. Because everything cost a price. When you buy bread, it cost a price. When you buy car, it cost a price. Also when you follow Jesus, it cost a price. Everything cost a price.

Despite her suffering, Helen kept singing songs of praise — even in the shipping container, and even when guards beat her and demanded her silence. How could she keep singing? Because it is biblical! Like in Acts 16:25, Paul and Silas when they put them in prison they started singing! They are a good model for us; we can learn from them.

When I was in prison just worshiping, [it] just kind of gave me strength. Also when you sing, it’s a heavy stone on the head of Satan, because he put you in these kind of things and when you start worshiping he is shocked. People don’t understand when something happen they close their door and cry ... so he comes with other kind of [trials] or you repeat the same exam.

But when you start worshiping God ... it is totally no space for Satan to attack you again and again.

Continue to pray for area churches: Ebenezer Presbyterian, St. John’s Lutheran, First Lutheran, United Methodist, Holy Redeemer, Our Saviors Lutheran, Temple of Jesus Christ, Hispanic Church and Emden. Ask God to continue to move through His church to the glory of His kingdom. Remember—we are part of God’s kingdom and need to always be following Him.

Are you continuing to pray that God would use us to share His love and the Good News of the Gospel with our community? Pray that the presence of God will shine through us, the Emden Church Family, and that He will use us in His Kingdom will.

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God”
Philippians 4:6**

